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International toponymy course held in Brazil in May 2017

Summary**

From 15 to 19 May 2017, staff from the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics and lecturers from the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy organized a toponymy course for staff engaged in the collection and processing of geographical names from the Latin America and Portuguese-speaking divisions of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. There were 34 participants from seven countries.

The accompanying fieldwork was new in the sense that it was aimed at validating or certifying names whose spelling, location or nature could not be ascertained in the office. Special attention was also paid as part of the fieldwork, which was conducted in the environs of the coastal town of Mangaratiba, 85 km west of Rio de Janeiro, to the cultural heritage aspects of place names that reflected phases of Brazilian history.

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